

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING

Thursday afternoon, December 6, 2012, union room 205 at 3:30 pm

Present: Barbara Anderson, Karen Blakeslee, Brad Burenheide, Lynn Carlin, Steven Graham, Diana Farmer, Bonnie Lynn-Sherow, Heather Reed, Nate Spriggs, Jaebeom Suh, Tom Vontz, and Mark Weiss

Absent: Bob Condia, John Devore, and Drew Smith

Visitor: University Police Captain Don Stubbings, Asst. Director, KSU University Police

1. Tom Vontz, substituting for Chair Condia, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. The November 1, 2012 minutes stood approved as submitted.
3. Discussion with our University Police about security in general and the potential of weapons on campus -- Vontz thanked Captain Stubbings for attending today to update members about security on our campus. This is part of a yearly endeavor to have increased awareness about how campus security works and what has changed over the past year. Captain Stubbings visited about their department and how they function. They have approximately 23 commissioned officers and 10 non-commissioned officers; there is also a plain clothes detective on campus. He briefly discussed the process of when and how they hire retired officers to work at Kansas State and why they are able to do so. All certified officers, when they begin at K-State, are required to go to academy training for 14 weeks. When they return they go through 12 additional weeks of training here.

There is an increase in reported crimes this year. Student Housing, Student Life, and other offices submit a report. Their unit reviews the reports and eliminates any duplication. He discussed the burglaries that have taken place this year. One was in Throckmorton Hall, another in Seaton Hall. A theft was averted in Durland Hall on Thanksgiving Day due to the initiative of one of the buildings IT individuals. Camera systems and/or updated locking systems could be put in place, however, it is ultimately up to the department to approve and fund these. Anderson mentioned the key pads they now use in areas of Justin Hall. Stubbings discussed a variety of different security methods that could be used. Basically, a little bit of inconvenience goes a long way when it comes to security. Also discussed was how large campus events are handled.

What is the protocol for sharing the authority with Riley County police? He reported their cooperation with Riley County police is excellent. They share everything. It was asked how calls are handled – do they go to campus police or Riley county Police? Calls from land lines on campus go to them; cell phone emergency calls go to Riley County. Criminals often come from *off* campus to commit crimes *on* campus and the converse is true. Therefore, campus and Riley county investigators work closely together and share information. They are the same; they just work with different agencies. He noted that on occasion their investigations have taken them to Topeka and Wichita. Lynn-Sherow commented there seems to be a lot of property theft. She has noticed there are many students who move to Manhattan and have a “small town” kind of viewpoint and they tend to leave things unattended. How can we educate students to better protect their possessions? Stubbings responded

they have really started pushing educating through twitter and other social media. Younger generations tend to be informed by this method of communication.

Vontz mentioned the guns on campus initiative that had been discussed a couple of years ago that was defeated. How have the campus police department's methods changed over the years for handling dangerous situations? Stubbings commented that in times past, they would be instructed to wait for SWAT or other backup. Now though, they do not have that kind of time available to them. The responding officer has his instructions. He also noted if conceal and carry was allowed, smaller handguns would be the most likely choice of individuals. However, as stress goes up, accuracy goes down. This applies even to ideal circumstances and with a trained individual. For example, earlier this year in a large city trained officers missed a target and shot nine bystanders. If this can happen with trained officers, the consequences of allowing civilians to conceal and carry a weapon, often with the intent to protect themselves, would be very dangerous.

Anderson conveyed a situation where one of their students was severely injured while working on a project and was unable to go for help. She also could not use her cell phone to call for help because of the lack of reception. Many of the buildings on campus have this same problem. How do we address these kinds of situations? An emergency blue phone might be possible. Only one button needs touched, you don't have to dial. Those are land lines. Spriggs reported one of these has been put in Seaton Hall. He also mentioned panic buttons inside of classrooms. In the high school he attended, they had these in each classroom. Perhaps focusing on classrooms that would pose a higher danger level would be a good place to start. Weiss reported the campus security committee has had this on their agenda for some time; it's simply an issue of funding that keeps it from being implemented. Expense was discussed. On another related topic of security, Lynn-Sherow described an incident that happened to her where she was locked out of her office and the building manager would not let her in without ID, even though she had locked her ID in her office. Others related similar instances. Discussion ensued. It was commented that officer discretion should be used. There are definitely two sides to each situation.

It was asked what the biggest struggles are right now. Property crime is a problem. A committee member wondered if alcohol and drug related crimes have gone down. Not really. Campus police have begun using drug dogs in the dorms this year as well as Jardine and other areas. They are careful to maintain proper procedure. The University owns the building, students lease the rooms.

Wildcats Against Rape, or the WAR group was touched on. This group is well educated and there to help. Reed commented that very few victims go through the full process of prosecuting due to the emotional pain and other reasons. Even though this is often the case, those providing assistance to victims make sure they are aware of all the avenues they have available to them. Incidents happen on and off campus; however, these are underreported. A victim may want to talk to someone but does not want to report the incident. All freshman students are educated about this topic when they arrive. For example, showing respect, what no means, and more. Keeping this topic to the fore front though can be difficult. This was a good reminder for all to be alert to the need to talk with their students about this subject.

It was asked if we have a good reputation for safety, etc.? Yes. Sadly though, it seems one bad incident can change that reputation. Suh mentioned an issue with locker rooms at the recreation complex and security issues there.

Vontz reported the City/University fund committee members look at proposals each year for improvements which benefit both the campus and the city. He asked if there are areas in need of more lighting to protect students and others. If so, Vontz encouraged the police department to notify FSCOUP of those and student senate so they can possibly address it with those funds. Recently there was additional lighting installed in City Park, which is used frequently by students for walking and jogging. Bicycling also causes safety issues. Bicyclists ride fast and at times do not pay attention to pedestrians and other vehicles. During class changes the danger to pedestrians is heightened. Cyclists and cars are sharing space. Much good discussion took place. Stubbings thanked committee members for inviting him and offered their services to other groups as well in order to provide information on personal property protection, safety, and other topics as desired.

4. Lynn Carlin – report on the forming of a 2025 Task Force for the Common Theme of Sustainability: to be organized in December to be charged in January

Vontz turned the floor over to Carlin. Carlin reported that the group will be organized in January, and charged in February. The original vision was to create a logic model plan like the theme committees for 2025. The Undergraduate Research theme committee however, showed more detail and set some outcomes with specifics in their final report. How does FSCOUP envision this theme committee being charged? Consensus was there needs to be more specifics, rather than generalizations. Anderson commented there are several broad categories to sustainability. You can begin with specifics in one area and then move toward specifics in another area. For example, there is university planning, campus planning, curriculum planning, etc. Committee members discussed one part of sustainability: recycling. Our culture needs to change. Lynn-Sherow offered an example from a company where they provide more recycling bins than trash cans and the trash cans read “to the landfill”. Farmer discussed a group that is providing public awareness. Also, it was asked how far we are on certain initiatives to date. What savings are we seeing with energy changes we’ve made, such as new chillers, etc.? Discussion ensued. LEED certification was discussed on new building plans. With regard to composition of the theme committee, it was requested that two members of FSCOUP be members and that FSCOUP provide a suggestion for the co-chair. Spriggs reported that Casey Lauer has a presentation. Perhaps he could be invited to attend the March meeting to present this.

5. New Business –

A committee member commented on his college’s strategic plan. He is concerned about it promoting unattainable goals. Buy in is important. Committee members discussed this topic.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 7, 2013, union room 205 at 3:30 pm. Discussion on the KSU master Plan implementation with Ruth A. Dyer, PhD, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Chair of the Master Plan Update Committee

Note: We take the lead and put a *Faculty Club \ Intellectual Commons* onto our agenda in March